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Ontario Military Hospital.
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President R.A. Falconer.
University of Toronto.

Dear Sir,

I would like you to consider the matter of leave for me for the ensuing year, in order that I may continue in the work here.

I understood Prof. McLennan was to come to England for the summer, and I deferred the application in the expectation of seeing him.

It is probable that I will have an opportunity of taking the matter up with him later, but in the meantime, I desire to lay ~~the matter~~ the application before you.

In the X-Ray work I believe I am fairly useful at any rate I have been kept quite busy, for I have had charge of the department and the work that

ordinarily would be assigned to a Medical Officer.

I have also been somewhat useful the Electrical Treatment Department and in connection with problems apart from the X-Ray work.

From the experience of the past year, I believe the use of my services in these directions is warranted.

Yours sincerely.

L. Gilchrist

Ontario Military Hospital
Orpington, Kent.
July 14/17

Dear President Falconer,

There is a matter which I wish to present for your consideration.

Since coming here I have met or received letters from several of the Undergraduates who are serving in the Overseas Forces. Some of them particularly those in Medicine have raised the question of the possibility of going back

of these men could be used for part of the time and still give them an opportunity of completing the Course

If there were a regulation whereby any undergraduate who had served in the Overseas Forces for at least two years might be permitted to return; the diminution in man power would be very slight and the advantage to the man, to the University and to the Country would I believe be considerable.

Bell's wish in this matter seems to be to be worthy of consideration and I shall be very glad if something can be done for him

Yours sincerely
L Gilchrist

in order to complete their Courses those undergraduates who enlisted early in the War and are still spared. For those in Medicine particularly, and I believe also for others, it would be a good plan to have some general method of recall. The institution of Conscription in Canada and the entrance of United States into the War makes the problem of man power at the Front not quite so critical as it has been a year ago. I suppose also the training of men called up owing to Conscription will make necessary large additions to the Instructional Staff. It might be that the services

to complete the course. One of these men Gunner J.W. Bell 8th Battery Canadians, France came to see me the other day and brought this matter up, and through this I am prompted to place the matter before you.

Bell had completed 2 years in the P. & B. Course. He enlisted in March 1915 and has been wounded but is now again at the front. The belief that the State of War will not be as brief as he thought at first leads him to a desire to transfer to Medicine and to be allowed to complete the Course.

It would seem to me that the present time, is opportune to consider the plan of recalling

July 17th, 1917

Lieutenant Lachlan Gilchrist,

Ontario Military Hospital,

Orpington, Kent.

Dear Lieutenant Gilchrist:

As far as I am concerned you may be given leave to continue your work for another year at the Ontario Military Hospital. As you will realise, however, it will be right for you to secure first from Professor McLennan his concurrence in your desire.

I am glad to know that you have found your work to be satisfactory and that you are satisfied that you are doing useful work. Hoping that this will continue, I am, with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

President.